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SUBJECT: Honduran President-Elect Zelaya's Letter To  
President Bush; Invitation to January 27, 2006 Inauguration

1. Ambassador Roberto Flores Bermudez, General Coordinator of the Honduran Presidential Inauguration, under cover of a December 21 circular note to the diplomatic community, sent the Embassy a September 21 letter from President-elect Jose Manuel "Mel" Zelaya Rosales to President Bush. The letter was sent to invite President Bush to Zelaya's inauguration on January 27, 2006. Post has emailed a scanned version of the original letter to WHA/CEN, and will pouch the original of President-elect Zelaya's letter to WHA/CEN. Unofficial Embassy translation of the letter follows.

2. Begin unofficial Embassy translation:

Jose Manuel Zelaya Rosales  
President-elect

December 21, 2005

Excellency,

I have the honor to inform you that last November 27, the Honduran people went to the polls to elect the supreme authorities of the country, as part of the process to strengthen the democratic institutions of my country.

It was the sovereign will of the electorate to grant my Liberal Party candidacy the majority of votes, thus, bestowing on me the high honor of becoming President of the Republic of Honduras for the period 2006-2010.

The Honduran Constitution states that I shall be sworn in as President of the Republic during the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony to be held on Friday, January 27, 2006. I would be greatly honored to be able to count upon the representation of Your Excellency's Government, most ably presided by you, and wish to extend, hereby, a most cordial invitation to accompany me in this event.

With the assurance that your presence will strengthen the already traditional ties of friendship that exist between our two nations, allow me to take this opportunity to extend to you the expression of my highest and distinguished consideration.

/s/

Jose Manuel Zelaya Rosales

Excellency  
George W. Bush  
President of the United States of America

3. End unofficial Embassy translation.

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